with the Department of Posts and Telegraph for the prompt clearance and speedy delivery of the postal ballot papers to the respective Returning Officers.

(c) According to the information made available by the Election Commission of India, approximately 36%, 30% and 29% migrant electors voted in Baramulla, Srinagar and Anantnag constituencies, respectively.

Blocking of Telecast

262. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the report of the Indian Express dated 15th June, 1996, wherein the Information Department blocked the telecast of certain matters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "The News Tonight" programme could not be telecast on 14.6.96 since the tapes were received too late from M/s NDTV to preview.

Setting up of an Expert Group to Review Prasar Bharati Act

263. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert group has lately been set up to review the Prasar Bharati Act, in the light of proliferation of satellite TV channels;

(b) if so, the terms of reference; and

(c) by when the report is expected?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) An expert group under the Chairmanship of Dr. N.K. Sengupta has been constituted to review the provisions of Prasar Bharati Act and to make recommendations regarding restructuring of the Prasar Bharati. The report is expected to be submitted by 31.7.1996.

Provision regarding Acceptance of Gifts in Conduct Rules

264. DR. RANBIR SING: SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision in the conduct rules of the workman/award staff working in the private sector banks that they cannot accept any gift especially on Diwali occasion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether workman/award staff in the private sector banks have been placed under suspension on the charge of receiving gifts when there is no provision in the conduct rules to this effect; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Conduct rules of private sector banks are not dealt with by the Ministry of Finance.

Development of Tourist Spots in Tamil Nadu and Kerala

265. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received information about some new historical places in Tamil Nadu and Kerala which can be developed as tourist spots;

(b) whether any proposals have been received from these Government to develop certain places into tourist places; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government to the said proposals?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) Development of tourist Spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Department of Tourism extends financial assistance every year to the projects received from the State Governments including Tamil Nadu and Kerala on the basis of their merits.

Development of Airports

266. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the work on seven out of twelve airports for development as model airports in the country;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of expenditure involved;

(c) which are the airports developed so far; and

(d) by when all the 12 airports would be developed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Of the 12 model airports, Airports Authority of India has completed the work at 7 airports *viz.* Lucknow, Jaipur, Nagpur, Vadodara, Calicut, Coimbatore and Indore at a cost of Rs.270.25 crores.

(d) The work at remaining airports namely Hyderabad, Patna, Guwahati and Bhubaneswar will be completed by December, 1997. Development of Imphal Airport will take some more time.

Violation of Income Tax Laws and Foreign Exchange Regulation by Pilcom

267. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by Government to the effect that Pakistan-India-Sri Lanka Committee (PILCOM) had violated Income Tax laws and the Foreign Exchange Regulations;

(b) if so, whether an investigation has been made into the matter;

(c) if so, the outcome of the investigation and the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Enforcement Directorate has undertaken investigation into the alleged violation of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act by Pakistan-India-Sri Lanka Committee (PILCOM).

PILCOM has not been deemed to be a taxable entity under the Income Tax Act. The question of violation of the Income Tax by it does not therefore arise.

Government Bill to reform electoral process

268. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are introducing a Bill to reform the electoral process in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The Government proposes to discuss shortly various proposals on Electoral Reforms with leaders of various political